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SUBJECT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS POLICY REF MARINE TRAIN-
ING AT CANJUERS (C)

REF: A. COMSIXTHFLT 290944Z APR 75 (NOTAL)

1. TWO HUNDRED SIXTHFLEET MARINES WILL CONDUCT TRAINING
ASHORE AT FRENCH ARMY CAMP CANJUERS DURING PERIOD 7 - 12
MAY 75. SIMILAR TRAINING AT CANJUERS DURING JAN 75
RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANT MEDIA INTEREST PROVOKED BY
LEFT-WING ELEMENTS INCLUDING FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY.
JANUARY TRAINING ALSO ELICITED NUMEROUS REQUESTS
BY PARIS-BASED MEDIA (FRENCH AND U.S.) TO VISIT TRAINING
EXERCISE. FRENCH MOD ADVISED US IN ADVANCE THAT SUCH
REQUESTS WOULD BE DISAPPROVED, SO NO ARRANGEMENTS
WERE MADE TO HANDLE MEDIA VISITS.

2. REF A PROVIDES COMSIXTHFLT GUIDANCE TO UNITS PAR-
TICIPATING IN TRAINING, NAMELY THAT ALL QUERIES TO
THESE UNITS WILL BE REFERRED TO FRENCH MOD, AND THAT
THERE WILL BE NO STATEMENTS GIVEN, NO INTERVIEWS
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GRANTED, AND NO PRESS QUERIES ANSWERED BY U.S. MILITARY

PARTICIPATING IN EXERCISE.

3. MINISTER OF DEFENSE CONCURS IN THIS POLICY AND HAS PERSONALLY PROVIDED FOLLOWING GUIDANCE TO HIS EQUIVALENT OF OSD (PA), SERVICE D'INFORMATION ET DE RELATIONS PUBLIQUES DES ARMEES (SIRPA):

A. THERE WILL BE NO ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE ON THE SUBJECT. THE SUBJECT WILL NOT BE BROUGHT UP UNLESS THERE ARE QUERIES.

B. IF , THE ONLY STATEMENT WILL BE TO CONFIRM THAT THEY ARE THERE ON A ROUTINE, SCHEDULED, TRAINING EXERCISE.

C. INITIAL MEDIA REQUESTS TO VISIT THE CAMP DURING THE TRAINING PERIOD WILL BE TURNED DOWN. IF THE MEDIA REQUESTS BECOME PERSISTENT, THEN PERMISSION MAY BE GRANTED TO VISIT THE CAMP.

4. SHOULD PERMISSION FOR MEDIA VISIT INDEED BE GRANTED, RECOMMEND PRESENCE OF SIXTH FLEET PAO AT CANJLERS. ORIG WILL PROVIDE AS MUCH WARNING AS POSSIBLE OF SUCH A DECISION BY THE FRENCH. IN SUCH A CASE, NO COMMENT GUIDANCE MIGHT HAVE TO BE REVISED.

5. IF QUERIED, EMBASSY WILL REFER REPORTERS TO FRENCH, AS AGREED. IF FRENCH SPOKESMAN NOT AVAILABLE FOR SOME REASON, EMBASSY WILL ANSWER BASIC QUESTIONS ON BACKGROUND, USING SAME GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY MOD TO SIRPA.

6. ORIG WILL KEEP ALCON INFORMED ON ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. RUSH

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